

College students' records protected under privacy act

Klm MacLaren

With the implementation of the Freedom of Information and Privacy Act (FOI act), in 1988, students are ensured of their rights to privacy and no one can access a student's personal records, says Conestoga College's associate director of long-range planning.

"A student must sign a release form authorizing that the college can dispel of marks or any type of personal information to a second or third person," Larry Rechsteiner said recently.

"Legally, the college can only give out marks to the student."

When a potential employer calls the college for a reference on a student, the person taking the call cannot talk about the student's work habits, punctuality, characteristics or traits, nor can it be said that a student's overall mark may be a "B average," Rechsteiner said.

There is nothing preventing a student from showing his or her transcript to a potential employer, he said.

"It's like a double-edged sword. On the one hand, students who are seeking employment need a reference. Yet, very specific information relating to the individual is

difficult for the college to supply, based on the FOI act," the Conestoga official added.

If a college student suspected a professor gave out personal information he should ask the co-ordinator of the program if records were accessed by a potential employer or if a reference was given without the student's consent, said Paul Mooridan, at the Ministry of Colleges and Universities. The college is legally bound to tell you and you have a right to ask.

Anybody employed at the college is considered "the college," Mooridan said.

The college is required to make a

note that information was released and if that isn't done, "they are in contravention of the act," he said.

If a student still suspects personal information was released, the student can then go to the information and privacy commissioner and lodge a complaint, Mooridan said.

"Tell the commissioner what you've done so far when dealing with the complaint concerning the college. They may come into the college and perform an audit."

According to Mooridan, an audit is performed following a lodged complaint in which a team from the commissioner's office is sent to the college's human resources office.

"The team will go through all general and personal records, interview professors, co-ordinators and administrative staff and observe the working process performed at the college."

The commissioner has performed audits at several colleges, in the past, concerning the release of personal information, Mooridan said.

An example cited was when a college staff member suspected personal information was being released and complained to the commissioner, he said. The commissioner then performed an audit and found out it was true.

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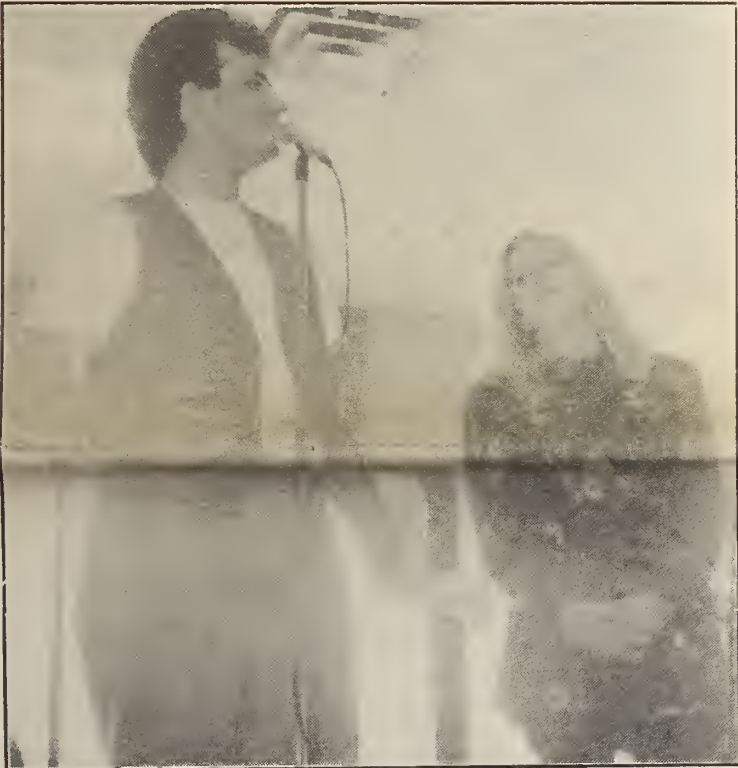
\$75 raised at auction

By Leanne Okum

Approximately \$75 and 80 kilograms of food were collected for the Food Bank of Waterloo Region at the Doon Student Association slave day auction at Doon campus Oct. 2.

Students from various programs volunteered their time and effort to become a "slave for the day" to the person making the highest bid.

Some of the students taking part were: Marie Newel, early childhood education student; Debbie Nahlite, Dino Roumel and Jennifer Barnes, broadcasting, radio and television students; Victor Holowczenko and Allison Gosse, social services students; Andre Buzbuzian and Betty Pereira, accounting students; and DSA members Jamie Slater and Jen VanDerZwaag. Sabrina Feser, a law and security administration student, sold for the highest bid of \$28. Some students pooled their money and cans of food to see who would be the highest bidder.



Shawn McEwen, DSA entertainment manager, auctions off Sabrina Feser, second-year LASA student, for \$28.

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(Photo by Lyn McGinnis)

'Slave' sale defended

By Shelly Kraft

When Jamie Slater, vice-president (external) of the Doon Student Association, decided to hold a slave auction, the thought of promoting racism never crossed his mind.

The auction was held to raise food, money and awareness for the Food Bank of Waterloo Region.

The auction, held Oct. 2, ran without problems, but similar auctions at high schools in Perth County have been surrounded with controversy.

The auctions were banned last year at Stratford district high school when a student labelled the activity as racist.

A trustee of the Perth County board of education has discussed banning such auctions at all schools in the district.

Some board members were quoted in a recent article in the Kitchener-Waterloo Record as saying that slavery is a part of our heritage that is not a credit to our

culture.

Slater said there was a difference between history and the fund-raising event.

"We forced no one to go into the auction. They were all volunteers."

Sabrina Feser, a second-year law and security administration student who was one of the slaves auctioned off, said she had positive feelings about participating.

"I just thought about raising money," Feser said.

"We weren't forced to do it. It was our choice to participate."

She said she didn't consider the event to be racist. "I just consider it a charity."

The auction raised \$75 and 80 kilograms of food, said Slater, a fourth-semester journalism student and member of the Spoke staff.

"We should be more ashamed of ourselves for not feeding people than for auctioning volunteers," Slater said, adding that if given the choice again of holding the auction, he would.

Doon campus food drive called a success

By Stephen Uhler

Conestoga College came in second in Waterloo Region's Thanksgiving food drive competition, beaten out by Wilfrid Laurier University.

By the end of the competition, WLU collected 499 kilograms of food, while the college gathered 91 kilograms.

However, the food drive was a success, according to the activities co-ordinator for the Doon Student Association.

Becky Westman said the competition was based on a ratio of total amount of food collected to the student and faculty population. The final for WLU was 57 grams of food per university member, while Conestoga's ratio was 28.5 grams per college member. The University of Waterloo didn't complete the competition.

"In addition to (the food gathered)

we raised \$75," from the slave auction held in the main cafeteria Wed. Oct. 2, Westman said. The money was turned over to the Food Bank of Waterloo Region to use it to purchase food.

According to Westman, the auction itself is a new event which was suggested by Jamie Slater, vice-president (external). She said its success has ensured its continued usage "for any other fund-raising," as well as in future food drives.

The other food drive event was a collection of foodstuffs from spectators attending the varsity hockey game held Wednesday, Oct. 2.

"If they brought a can of food they got into the hockey game for half-price (admission)," said Westman.

The remainder of the drive was "mostly an appeal for food." Westman explained there were food collection boxes located outside the offices of student services, the DSA administration and activities of-

fices, the security office and in the administration building.

Conestoga's drive lacked additional events due to the lack of preparation time.

"The food bank approached us about the second week of September. . . it didn't give us a whole lot of time to get prepared for it," Westman said.

In future food drives, Westman said "we would like to get it lifted off a little earlier that way we can spend more time planning activities such as the slave auction," and in promoting the event.

Westman said this was the first time the Food Bank of Waterloo Region has held a competition between the area's post-secondary schools, its high schools, and its local businesses. With its success, she said, it is likely to continue.

"I would imagine they would continue it. They would probably do another one in the spring."



It's your move

Stelian George-Cosh plays one of 30 chess games held at the simultaneous chess challenge Oct. 3 at Doon campus.

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AIDS - The real danger is false assumptions



Lyn McGinnis

A blood donor clinic was held at the college last month and I was angry about it. I can't give blood. The only reason for this is I choose to tell the truth.

Anyone wishing to donate blood is asked to fill out a donor health assessment questionnaire. There are 15 questions asked about the potential donor's health, such as have you had the flu, a vaccination shot or surgery recently.

The last four questions relate to your perceived risk for AIDS.

Several years ago I was standing in line to give blood for the first time. Behind me were two (presumably heterosexual) young men who happened to be bragging about the wild weekend they had just finished.

We had all received this questionnaire. The same four questions about AIDS were there.

But nowhere in these four questions about risk was there any mention about dangerous behaviors, such as whether the two people behind me had used condoms during intercourse.

The questionnaire focused entirely on perceived risk groups. If you were honest about sharing needles, living for a time in the Caribbean or parts of Africa, or receiving treatment with blood products since 1977, your blood would not be considered suitable.

If you are a gay or bi-sexual man and honestly answered the questions about having ever had sex with another man since 1977, or with any of the other so-called risk groups, your blood will not be taken.

What if I lied?

I could have donated blood and it would have been tested with all the rest. Perhaps it would have helped save someone's life.

Meanwhile, the Don Juans behind me didn't have to lie at all. They could smugly answer 'no' to all these questions while possibly carrying the virus.

We have just finished observing AIDS Awareness Week. The message given time and again was anyone can be engaging in high risk behaviors. AIDS is not limited to so-called high risk groups.

Why then is the Canadian Red Cross Society continuing to pursue this questionnaire process that says the opposite? ALL blood received by the Red Cross is tested, regardless of what is or isn't said on any questionnaire.

I had been practising safer sex at the time of my first attempt to donate because I took the threat of AIDS seriously. But because I was honest on the questionnaire, they wouldn't take it.

Many heterosexuals continue to assume the threat of AIDS is remote and take no precautions. Does the Red Cross agree with them? When all other health agencies are emphasizing every individual's responsibility to protect themselves and others, is the Red Cross promoting the outdated notion that who you are is more important than what you do or don't do?

I am a member of a so-called high risk group which is practising low risk behaviors. The two gentlemen behind me that day were members of a so-called low risk group who appeared to be engaging in high risk behaviors.

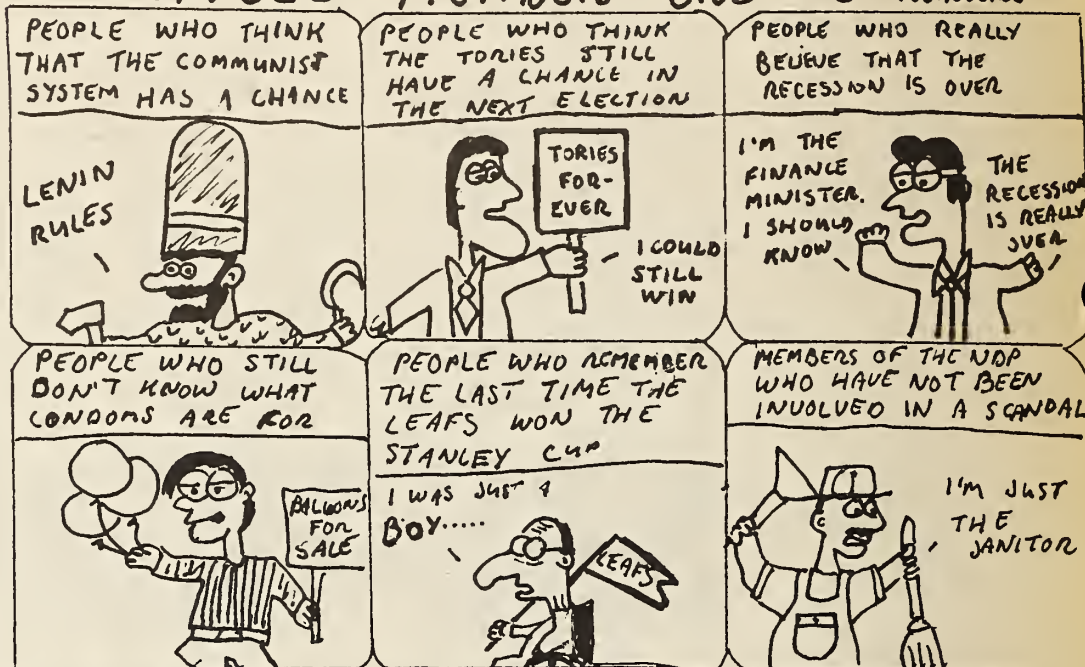
Who is more dangerous?

Letters to the editor

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OPINION

SINGLE MEMBER GROUPS BY TED HODGINS



Braving a new technological world



Barbara Jackson

The time has come to reveal a disorder that is unique to the mechanized age.

There are hundreds, well, perhaps dozens, of individuals in our midst who continue to suffer silently.

Heavy is the burden of the technologically challenged.

This little known ailment affects individuals harboring an aversion to objects that are either highly mechanized or in possession of memory chips.

The ranks of the technically challenged, or T.C., have grown by leaps and bounds over the last two decades, but most of the afflicted have suffered in silence...until now.

Everyone knows at least one of these people. They are easily identifiable.

The technically challenged still own manual, wind-up alarm clocks. The noon or midnight time reading on their VCR flashes in the absence of temporary power failures, and they frequently express their indignance at having to speak to an answering machine tape.

The technically challenged are rarely great Star Trek enthusiasts and are often described as being good with their hands.

They cringe at the prospect of having to wrestle with the irrational complexities of bank-machines and microwaves, not to mention the horrors faced when being put in front of video-display terminals.

Their pleas for patience and understanding go unnoticed by those more technically oriented. With that

unmistakable gleam of world domination in their eyes, systems analysts and data processors alike harp about user compatibility, disk operating systems and hard drives...it is like a language unto itself.

Technology has spawned an exclusive sub-culture, in which high-tech specialization dictates admission.

This kind of smugness does not bode well within the community of T.C. sufferers.

Alvin Toffler, author of *Future Shock* and *The Third Wave*, raised some chilling philosophical questions: "How dependent should we allow ourselves to become on the computer and the chip? As we pump more and more intelligence into the material environment, won't our own minds atrophy? And what happens if someone or something pulls the plug out of the wall? Will we still have the basic skills needed for survival?"

If one wished to pursue a deeper level of analysis, it would appear to some that T.C. is a social phenomenon that stems from the de-humanizing alienation brought about by our dependence on the inanimate.

A computer coldly responds to both error and accuracy. Where's the motivation? Gone are the days of the friendly pat on the head.

The prognosis for T.C. sufferers remains grim. The only answer is to face the oppressor. Read those manuals. Make friends with your mouse. Apply for a Future Shop consumer catalogue.

The technologically challenged must embrace the inevitable. Sanyo, Fujikama, Apple and IBM have dictated our destiny.

As the great general of some forgotten war once said: "One must make friends with the enemy before conquering it."

Fans make Jays the envy of majors



John L. Tachauer

Four million plus.

That's an attendance record the Toronto Blue Jays set this season. And with the Blue Jays in post-season play, more fans will enjoy the action at the packed SkyDome. In my opinion, this makes the team the envy of the league.

There are unquestionably good reasons why there were a large number of fans laughing and crying their way through 81 home games this season. And they are leaving the baseball supporters south of the border compiling reasons why the Blue Jays team is the best baseball team — in Ontario.

One good reason for the Blue Jays' attendance success is their nine consecutive winning seasons. With the Jays being the only current team to attain this feat, the other American League franchises are left to question why the Blue Jays team has not been the best franchise of the '80s.

Sure, most American teams still consider the Blue Jays as "chokers" and "overachievers," and I am willing to give them that. After all, the Blue Jays did bow down to the Kansas City Royals during the 1985 American League Championship Series after leading three-games-to-one in the best-of-seven, and they did blow

a two-and-a-half game lead in 1987 with a week to go.

But returning to the number of spectators passing through the turnstiles in the past five years, I still have to consider the Blue Jays as the No. 1 team in the American League.

They do, after all, hold the top two records in major league attendance. And the American teams may be far from considering Canada as a "baseball country," but let's take a look at the situation more closely.

The Americans may have a point if they have locked in their heads the fact that there are only two teams in Canada. Fair enough. But do they realize that all of Canada's baseball fans, minus the handfuls of Montreal Expo fans dodging the pieces from the befallen Olympic Stadium, total a great many?

I think not.

Do they realize that New York City has the same population as Ontario, yet the Yankees and the Mets are barely passing the combined 3-million mark in attendance?

I think not.

Perhaps if the Blue Jays soar off their perches and pound the Minnesota Twins to capture the American League pennant, the American teams may have to take a second glance at the successes of the Toronto franchise. A phrase coined by CTV Blue Jays' commentator Fergie Olver says it all: "How about those Blue Jays?"

Safety first

Paperwork complicates blood-giving

By Nate Hendley

Lying on a cot at the Doon blood donor clinic, Sept. 30, Kevin Morrison looked relaxed, even with a needle sticking in his arm and a container beneath him filling with blood.

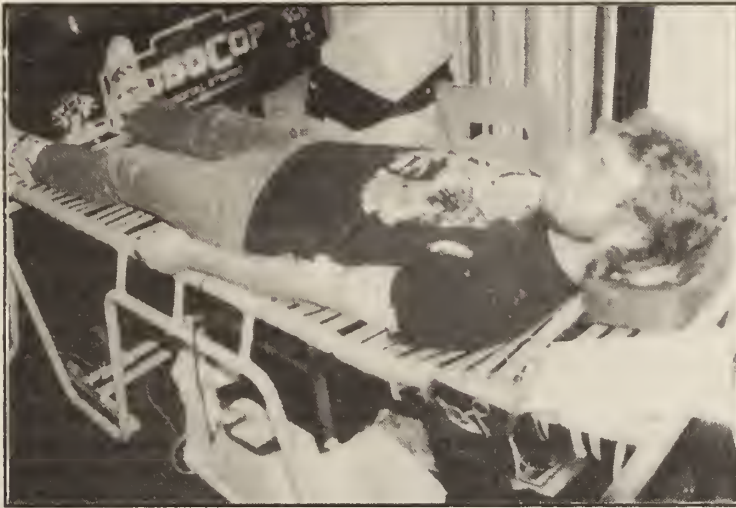
As dark, red blood pumped from his arm through a transparent tube, Morrison remarked, "It's no big deal to donate. I've given blood six times before."

Morrison, a first-year electronics technology student, was one of 121 students, faculty and staff who donated blood at Doon's Red Cross blood donor clinic, which ran from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Potential donors had to fill out a detailed questionnaire centering around the applicant's sex life and medical history before being allowed to give blood.

People who admitted to having gay sex with men or having used needles to take illegal drugs were not allowed to donate. Applicants native to sub-Saharan Africa or the Caribbean where AIDS is rampant, were also disqualified.

The questionnaire was designed to weed out "high risk individuals" who might transmit AIDS with their donations, explained Red Cross nurse Barb Duffy.

Even donations that had been accepted would be further tested at the Hamilton Red Cross centre to screen for AIDS and other diseases,



Kevin Morrison gives blood at Doon's Red Cross blood donor clinic Sept. 30.

(Photo by Nate Hendley)

she explained.

Having tiny veins or a low iron count, the latter determined by a finger prick test, also disqualified potential donors.

Students and staff not disqualified on sexual, medical or physical grounds, found themselves lying on a cot by a row of video games, donating 450 ml of their blood.

Donations were supposed to take about five to 10 minutes, but ended up lasting over 20 minutes for some donors.

"This room is very cold. The cold constricts the veins, and makes it harder to give blood," explained

nurse Sharon Carman.

Red Cross nurses and officials were careful to make sure no one left the clinic feeling faint or sick after giving blood. Donors were given refreshments and encouraged to relax in a rest area for at least 10 minutes before leaving.

Sitting at a table in the rest area, munching donuts, Robert Eriskson, a third-year mechanical engineering student, who said it was his 18th time giving blood, reported he felt, "Fine. Just fine."

"I wish more people from my class had come down to give blood. It's a useful contribution."

Act ensures confidentiality

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"The commissioner ordered the college to stop doing this and asked the college report back to them in terms of what they were doing in effort to prevent it from happening again," Mooridan said.

Reichsteiner said the college was usually reasonable in terms of giving out information but, "we are more cautious now about what we can say and what we can't say. There is a very fine line here."

Asked if students should go to their professors, instructors or co-ordinators to confirm that personal information is not being released Reichsteiner replied, "If a student does not want any information provided about himself, it is best the student go to the program co-ordinator and affirm that desire."

With a student's approval, general information can be given to the co-op placement office and they in turn, work with faculty of a program to write the student's profile, he said.

Although the area is "still grey," the college is planning to put together a task force to represent Conestoga, so "information can be distributed more effectively," than has been in the past, Reichsteiner said. Information will be gathered and dispensed to include how faculty are to react to certain situations regarding the FOI act, how faculty and co-op placement offices will work together in obtaining references about a student and access to student records has been "tightened up considerably."

When the provincial government brought in the act in January 1988, "there was no additional money to implement it," Reichsteiner said. "Therefore, we haven't been aggressive in promoting or disciplining, only if they've been non-compliant with the act."

He said faculty weren't given manuals or handbooks about the act, but seminars and workshops were held at the college when it went into legislation. There is also a directory and a manual on the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, located in Doon's learning resource centre. "People cannot officially request information that they think may not be otherwise available to them," Reichsteiner said. An applicant who had applied for a position at the college, but didn't get the job is one example, he said.

"They phoned and requested information on the person who was hired. Some information was supplied, such as, interviewing questions that were asked, the rating system used and feedback on the interview itself. We did not, of course, give out other applicant's names or personal information."

Reichsteiner emphasized the privacy of student records as a priority and "little things, like professors handing back a student's paper. It is personal information and should be handled discreetly."

"It isn't right to leave marked assignments in a pile for other students to look at or a book with students' marks sitting out on a desk," he said.

YOU TELL US

"Has the amount of information on AIDS changed your lifestyle?"



"It really hasn't actually. I recently had a girlfriend who never had any former partners, so I never had any reason to worry about it."
Jim Leitch, first-year electronic engineering



"It has. I'm not as concerned about AIDS anymore because we now know it's not something we can get from shaking hands or by talking to someone with AIDS."
Teresa Tattersall, second-year early childhood education



"No, the fact the amount of information has increased, has not made it any more clearer if you didn't understand it in the first place. It hasn't changed my lifestyle because a lot of what it's saying doesn't apply."
Micheal Ostler, first-year electronic engineering



"It really hasn't because I wasn't as promiscuous. I've been married for a long time."
Dave Chambers, first-year electronic engineering



"No, not really. It is only a disease for homosexuals and drug addicts."
Shawn Martin, third-year management studies

Letters to the editor

Useless march

Reading the front-page story on the Sept. 30 issue of Spoke, I felt like the Greek philosopher Socrates as he drank the poisonous hemlock.

Socrates was sentenced to death by the Greek high court for spreading unwise and politically incorrect ideas to the nation's youth.

It's said he accepted his death without complaint.

This is how I felt when I read the story, "Women march to try and take back the night."

I don't recall choosing to be male and I'm sure if had the choice I would have given it careful consideration. But following this unconscious or non-existent decision, I feel partly responsible for the violence women suffer from men.

I feel in some way connected to all the men who beat or injure women, to women who simply don't like me.

I guess this shows I care. But I find it practically useless that 500 women march once a year to increase to awareness of violence against women.

Even though this year's turnout was about double last year's, it's still a dismal turnout considering how serious violence is and that 370,000 people live in the Waterloo and surrounding region.

Yet, for whatever reason, only 500 women showed up.

Women fearing men is something both sexes must deal with. How are men supposed to understand the pain and fear they cause women when they are denied sharing a woman's pain?

Whites-only restaurants, men-

only clubs, women-only marches all have something in common.

It's called apartheid.

Rob Maddox
second-year journalism

Forum beefs

I have a number of beefs about the Date Rape Forum, Sept. 27 on Doon Campus.

There was such a lousy turnout, that I was embarrassed. Is everyone "sticking their heads in the sand" and hoping it will go away?

Was it necessary to send male reporters to cover the story, as opposed to female? Perhaps the story might have taken a much different slant.

And last, but not least, I would like to see women counsellors who have counselled rape, and sexual assault victims through their ordeal.

Date rape is a crime against women. So women, you have got to come out of your shells. Ignoring the issue, will NOT make it all go away.

Lorraine Waller
first-year journalism

Adams dispute overblown

Regarding the Sept. 30 column "CRTC says Bryan Adams is non-Canadian".

I must disagree with Mr. Shutler's viewpoint. Songwriters and producers are vital in making music. Speaking as a musician, I know it is just as difficult to write a song-if not more - then there would be no song to sing. (If this was not the case, award shows would actually end on time due to shorter ac-

ceptance speeches).

Ultimately, this ruling will leave available airplay for a fellow struggling Canadian performer. Adams has it made internationally, so it is not essential for him to get unlimited airplay in this country.

What it boils down to is that we will "only" hear Adams' new single 15 million times rather than 20 million times.

Ryan Hovinga
first-year journalism

Men offer support

After reading the Spoke article on the women's march in Waterloo I was both dismayed and disappointed in the comments made by Conestoga counsellor Valerie Gennings. K-W was the only community that banned men from its march.

Posters stated that both women and men were welcome.

The march is to support the campaign to stop violence against women. It is not a women's march, it is a march in support of women.

Discouraging men from taking part is irresponsible.

The men who showed up at the march weren't there to suggest we needed protection, they were there to support our rights. Men have suffered the effects of violence against women.

Just ask Nina de Villier's father. One would think that Gennings would realize this.

I mourn for the women who suffer the violence, and the men who suffer from the indignation of such remarks.

Tracy Hiuse
third-year BRT

LASA student becomes new pub manager

By Leanne Okum

A second-year law and security administration student has been hired by the Doon Student Association to fill the position of pub manager for the 1991-92 school year.

Chris O'Hagan, 20, was hired by the DSA on Sept. 24 over six other applicants.

The interview committee included Jeffrey Nold, Jamie Slater, Anita Arnold, Phil Olinski and Becky Westman. Both Nold and Slater said that O'Hagan was chosen because "he was the most qualified for the job."

The London, Ont. native has a number of plans to increase student involvement in Conestoga College's upcoming pubs. To set a good example, he's going to start increasing his own involvement with the DSA.

"I have been involved with Conestoga in other activities and this position seemed like a good opportunity to give a little more input into the school," O'Hagan said.

O'Hagan started out this year on

pub staff and decided he would like to take the chance on being the boss.

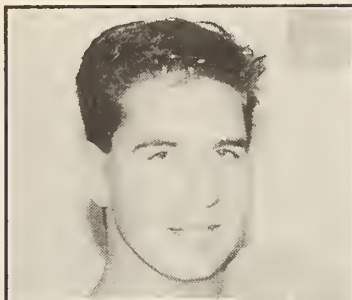
After seeing DSA fliers around the school that a pub manager was needed, he talked to Al MacPherson, former assistant pub manager, and Jen Dellow, present assistant pub manager, about the position and decided to apply.

He is "kicking around ideas" that will help get more people to come out to the pubs but admits he has some barriers to get over.

"With the present liquor license, minors are not allowed and this is under heavy control," O'Hagan said.

"I'd like to have a solid system so everyone is happy. Some of the general arts students talked to me when I was on pub staff and they were unhappy with the fact they couldn't attend because of their age."

O'Hagan tossed around the idea of minors wearing a wristband at the pubs but it wasn't considered feasible because there was still the chance of minors obtaining alco-



Chris O'Hagan

hol.

"With the smoking policy here, I stood at the door at one of the first pubs and had many people complain to me about it and it was ridiculous," O'Hagan said.

"There was an idea to present to executive about letting people out on the patio and having a temporary fence so people won't wander, but that infringes on fire regulations," he said.

"I'd like to cater to the needs of everybody. But everything has been going a certain way for a long time so I'm going to do the best I can," O'Hagan said.

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CXLR music cut after volume surge

By Barbara Jackson

Silence fell upon the Doon student lounge the morning of Oct. 1 when Doon Student Association president Jeff Nold pulled the plug on the student radio station CXLR.

Nold, whose office is across the hall from the lounge, said he turned the speakers off after being overwhelmed by the noise levels.

Programming personnel at CXLR responded to Nold's action by sending sound engineer Bob Currie down to the lounge to adjust the volume.

Mark Bates, a broadcasting instructor, said because of a Red Cross blood donor clinic in the lounge the previous day, broadcasting had been shut down.

He said the problem arose when broadcasting was resumed and sound levels were set at the wrong volume.

"This is our business office," Nold said. "We have day to day business that we conduct out of these offices. Tuesday morning at 10 a.m., it was so loud that we couldn't hear ourselves talk."

Nold said, "I have the manual power switch in my office, and I just shut it off."

The DSA owns the speakers in the lounge.

Kelly Knack, CXLR program manager, said she hopes that the incident doesn't cause an unnecessary rift between the station and the DSA.

Nold, who asked DSA business manager Phil Olinski to call CXLR to complain about the volume said, "I wasn't trying to create a conflict with CXLR...I like the station, and besides, we only have elevator music here in the offices."

Nold expressed his concern for the potential disruption faced by the other offices with in earshot of the lounge. "There are other offices near the lounge, where vital business is being conducted."

CXLR, said Nold, has to realize that there is a certain volume at which the music is just too loud.

Nold said he hopes future volume problems with the station can be avoided.

DSA...In touch



- This week is the start of a new communication method that will be used by the DSA to let the College Community know what events and activities the DSA has planned for the upcoming week. Our doors are always open and we look forward to news suggestions.
- Visit us anytime, and we'll be more than happy to talk with you. I hope everyone had a great weekend and survived from all that turkey. Now the whole week will be turkey sandwiches, turkey macaroni salad, turkey supper etc. Thanks mom for sending all that turkey back to school with me!

- This week tickets will continue to be sold (until sell-out) for Conestoga College Nite at Alte's Meuchen Haus (Queensmount Arena) on Thursday, October 17. Gather up your friends and classmates and join the rest of Conestoga for the annual night of your life. A German band will be playing some of that great old Oktoberfest music, so come on and dance the night away. Tickets are \$6 each and available in the DSA activities office or from any DSA executive member.

- Upcoming events are Mexican Fiesta Day on Tuesday, October 22, and Movie Night on Tuesday October 29. Have a great week and remember "college is only what you want it to be. Get involved and you'll have the best, most satisfying time of your life."

Jeffrey Nold,

DSA President





Cambridge Mayor Jane Brewer

Kick Off United Way drive launched with breakfast

By Ted Hodgins

The breakfast crowd at Conestoga College's Doon campus main cafeteria was populated by more than the usual hungry students and teachers on Thursday, Oct. 3.

It was the day of the United Way Kick-Off breakfast which launched the campaign at the campus.

"The faculty and staff on the United Way committee decided that we needed something to start off the event," said Sharon Kalbfleisch, dean of the school of college access and preparatory studies for the campus.

The breakfast included a choice of pancakes and sausages, quiche, muffins, cottage cheese and fruit, yogurt and granola.

The cost of the meal was \$5 with \$1.75 going to the United Way. Proceeds totalled about \$100.

"It was a joint effort between the cafeteria and the United Way," said Jackie Van Trigt, Beaver Foods unit manager.

"Because of the economy, we are cautiously optimistic."

"The goal for the college is \$20,000. With over 700 staff, all the part-timers and of course the students, it shouldn't be too hard," said Kalbfleisch.

Some of the people who attended the event were United Way organizers, college president John Tibbits, Kitchener Mayor Dom Cardillo, and Cambridge Mayor Jane Brewer.

"I'm very pleased to be here. The breakfast was great; it was much more than I would have gotten at home," said Brewer.

Tibbits also said he enjoyed the meal. "It was a great way to highlight the campaign. It should be made into an annual event."

Kalbfleisch said she would like to see more student involvement in planning and organization.

"It would be nice if more students could work with the staff in a collective effort."

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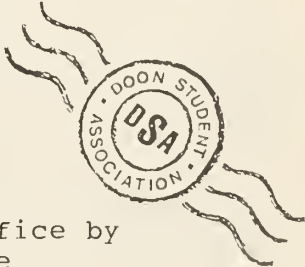
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Communications teacher pulls his 'biggest hoax' on accounting students

By Renee Ammendolia

First-year accounting students were fooled into believing they had met a professional handwriting analyst from Moscow in their business communications class on Oct. 3.

Their teacher, Bob Wall, and second-year journalism student Sharon Coates, who is interested in handwriting analysis, planned to demonstrate to the students the credibility of the practice.

When Coates gave the demonstration, she and Wall also duped the students into believing that she was from Lagos, Nigeria and attending the University of Moscow.

"This is the biggest hoax," said Wall, a self-professed prankster. "Out of the three years they are here they are going to remember this. I pull a prank every year, but I think it's going to be hard for me to outshine this one."

Wall decided that he was not going to tell the students that Coates is a student at Conestoga College student.

"Let them find out on their own," he said.

Wall told his students that he had met her in Nova Scotia in the first week of September and asked her to come to the college to meet his students. He also told them that she was on special assignment for the Canadian government.

Coates went on to convince the audience of her credibility by demonstrating her handwriting analysis skills.

Three volunteers wrote a sentence and their names and Coates proceeded to give them apt descriptions of their characters.

First-year accounting student Eddie Medeiros admitted to being nervous about having someone analyse his handwriting. Coates told him that he had a problem with writing capital letters when he was younger, that he was a careful writer with a quick mind who was always one step ahead of the rest and that security and friendship were important to him as well as having a good time.

"Very true. Yes, it's true," Medeiros said.

The class was given the opportunity to ask questions after the demonstration. Coates told them that she had travelled extensively throughout Europe. She said she met a doctor of graphology during her travels and decided to pursue handwriting analysis as a career. She told them that in the future she wanted to work for "government agencies around the world."

Coates actually became inter-

ested in handwriting analysis in 1988.

She said that her interest stemmed from an article that she read about a man in the United States who did analysis of all U.S. presidents' handwriting.

"When I first went to a library to find more information on handwriting, I could only find one book. I was told that there were institutes for this craft in Chicago, Ill., England and France. I wrote to them requesting information. They sent

some back, and that is how it started."

She considers herself to be an amateur graphologist and would like to obtain her degree in handwriting analysis from the Chicago institute within the next year.

She said that businesses and police have great uses for graphology because handwriting shows the characters of people and can also reveal forgery.

"Most scientific experts agree that handwriting is individual and

that it is basically a motor skill," Coates said.

"I did the in-class analysis for Bob because he was impressed with my analysis of him and thought that his class would benefit from it."

Coates said that the demonstration originally was supposed to be serious, but that Wall's tendency towards practical jokes changed all that.

According to Wall, business communications consists of words,

tone, body language and what the actual writing reveals itself.

He said that most people choose not to see what the writing can reveal and that they show more through their writing than they think.

"I had a good time. It was a rare opportunity to show people that handwriting analysis is not a cheap, carnival thrill, it's a real imperial science," Coates said.

"This is the best thing I've done in six years," Wall said.



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International Student Group provides support

By Sarah Jane Paterson

During the Gulf War last year, an Iraqi student at Conestoga College needed a shoulder to lean on because his family was still in Iraq.

The International Students Group at the Doon campus, provided that support, a counsellor at the Doon and Stratford campuses said recently.

The students in the support group could identify with him because many of them were from countries where violence is common, said Barb Kraller, a group facilitator.

"They may have different suggestions on how to handle strategies and any problems that come up. They may be from different programs but by coming together they may have some common concerns and help one another in how to deal with them."

In the summer of 1990, Kraller and Jo-Anne Morgan, peer tutor administrator, sent out 70 letters inviting first-year students who had checked landed immigrant or VISA on their Conestoga College application form, to come to a workshop for international students. Fifteen students came last year and to a similar workshop this summer.

"In student services at orientation time, we try to look at special support groups for different groups in the college, such as mature students and women and technology," Kraller said.

Following the workshops last summer, 10 to 15 students continued meeting during the school year.

There are pockets of international students in Conestoga College, Kraller said. There are students who are in Canada to study, and those here to stay.

There is a growing number of international students attending Conestoga, just as there is a growing number of immigrants in Kitchen-Waterloo.

The group met for the first time this year Oct. 1. Four students from Somali, Nicaragua, Greece and Iraq went to the meeting. "I don't think we got the message out well enough," Kraller said.

The roles of Kraller and Morgan in the group are as facilitators. "It's their group...we get the room and maybe start the conversation, but it's their group. It is informal, we



Barb Kraller, a counsellor at Conestoga College is a facilitator of the International Students Group.

(Photo by Sarah Jane Paterson)

have a cup of coffee and people come and go."

Members of the group also want someone affiliated with the school in case the students may need to take concerns to a higher authority. It helps to have someone explain their rights as students, for example, if they have problems with a teacher, Kraller said.

In a number of programs there are communications courses posing difficulties for them. They may need some extra time on tests.

"I think faculty need to have an awareness about multicultural issues, because there are more and more (international) students coming. I feel the college needs to look at this to a greater degree," Kraller said.

The college needs to look at

adopting policies about racism, which does exist at Conestoga College but is not a "big problem," she said.

"It has come up in isolated situations...they (international students) felt because English was their second language, the teacher had treated them somewhat differently."

Most students have felt their teachers have been helpful, she added.

Racism can be subtle, Kraller said. For example, how a teacher responds in the classroom to an international student.

A student who has English as a second language may take longer to answer a question. "You can make someone feel very uncomfortable or you can make someone feel comfortable."

In the last meeting, an international student in the business course said she would like to be taking more English courses.

There aren't English programs in the diploma programs, only communications courses.

One of the suggestions that came up in the group is a Canadian studies course where they could learn more about Canada and at the same time learn English.

Students in the group shared experiences, about the difficulty of participating in class.

Kraller said what she enjoys most about the group is the diversity.

"I believe that's the key to combating racism, when you can say, it's interesting that you have a different culture. Rather than, I'm suspicious of you or why don't you live like we do, you're here in our country now."

The international student's group will be held on the first Tuesday in every month.

Next meeting will be Nov. 5, at 8 a.m. to 9 a.m.

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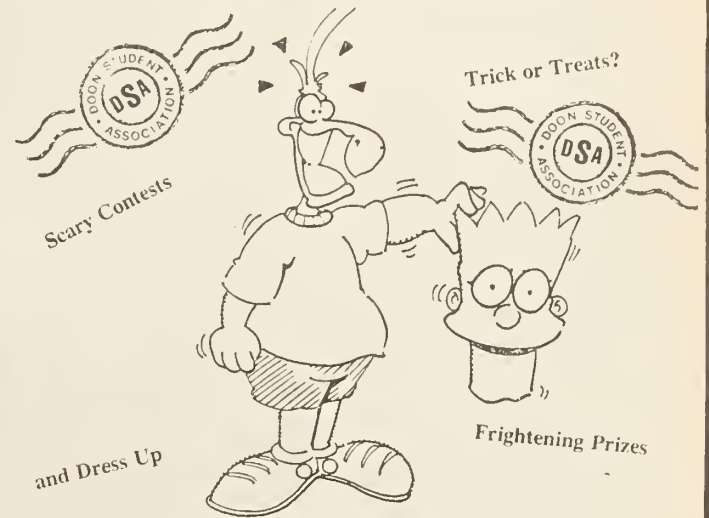
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Students for sale

Bruce Wilkinson, second-year accounting student, bids on slaves Andre Buzbuzian and Betty Pereira. The pair cost him eight food items.

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College launches first fund-raiser

By Daniel Harrison

Conestoga College president John Tibbits and others are manoeuvring behind the scenes to lay the foundation for the college's first fund-raising drive.

Its goal is the construction of a school of business and acquisition of new program equipment, Tibbits said in an interview and in remarks Oct. 8 at Doon campus in one of a series of president's forums.

"The campaign has two goals, a school of business — which will benefit the whole college — and equipment," he said. "We won't make a target (amount to be raised) public yet, but we have one in mind."

The campaign slogan is: Investing in Skills for Tomorrow. The logo is being designed by the graphic design program at Doon campus.

Conestoga has hired Navion Inc., a Toronto consulting firm, to co-ordinate fund-raising activities. Navion has organized fund-raising activities for the University of Waterloo and Freeport Hospital, Tibbits said.

His first priority is finding an appropriate fund-raising chair, which he hopes will be done by the end of October.

Tibbits and Joanne Newberry, executive director for Navion, have assembled a committee of influential people — the type "who can phone up donors and say 'I've given \$100,000 dollars, can you?'" he said.

The group includes top executives from such firms as Toyota Canada; The Mutual Group; CAP Communications, a division of Electrohome, which owns CKCO-TV and other broadcasting interests; Zehrs Markets; Babcock & Wilcox Canada; Allen Bradley Canada Ltd.; and Krug Furniture Inc.

Students just pawns to engineering professor

By Nate Hendley

Stelian George-Cosh had won 29 chess matches in a row at the Doon simultaneous chess challenge on Oct. 3. But now, facing Warren Longueay, a third-year electronics student, Cosh was in trouble.

Longueay was playing strongly, taking major pieces away from Cosh, a mechanical engineering teacher and amateur chessmaster.

Cosh studied his paper chess board and after a few quick move Longueay had lost his queen and several other pieces.

"It's a different game now," Cosh said with a laugh.

The game ended in a checkmate against Longueay, the thirtieth and last player to be defeated by Cosh.

It cost players \$2, with proceeds going to the student chapter of the Society of Manufacturing Engineers of Conestoga College, to play Cosh.

Surrounded on three sides by tables with paper chess boards taped to their surface, Cosh played up to 11 players at one time. He moved quickly from game to game, spending about 30 seconds contemplating each move.

A native of Romania, Cosh learned to play chess from his mother at age 15.

He said he is playing below his

Tibbits said the group will work behind the scenes, "approaching people and companies known to be philanthropists," as well as companies hiring Conestoga graduates.

Tibbits expects 80 per cent of the funds raised would come from these major donors.

This phase will begin after the region's United Way campaign is over.

The campaign will have eight sections, each with its own chair and fund-raising target.

The sections include: major gifts; foundations; the college family, a fund-raising committee consisting of faculty, support staff, administrators and the board of governors; and alumni.

The public part of the fund-raising will begin next spring. Tibbits said the seven to eight per cent share of the goal hoped to be raised from employees is very important to the success of the drive.

"If no one inside is interested, it filters out to the community and donors say 'The employees don't care, why should I?'"

Tibbits said it will be tough to raise funds in the current economic climate but community support so far has been positive.

Commenting on the construction of a school of business, one of his goals as president, Tibbits said it could consist of 25 classrooms, a restaurant and an amphitheatre. The new building would be built adjacent to the present nursing wing at Doon campus and would be approximately 30,000 to 50,000 square feet, or "the size of the new student/client centre," he said.

It wouldn't be as expensive as the student/client centre, Tibbits said, since it would share a wall with the present building and would not need an elevator, since one is already expected to be installed by mid-December.

Tibbits expects the moving of the

maximum ability now, explaining he used to play "very strongly" while a student at the University of Brasou in Romania.

Cosh doesn't belong to any chess organizations, and said he only plays about once a month, but doesn't find it difficult to play the kind of simultaneous chess challenges he has been conducting at Conestoga for five years.

"I can play 20 or 30 people at once. It's not a problem."

Cosh, who immigrated to Canada from Rumania 11 years ago, used the same basic defensive strategy throughout most of his matches.

He kept his king in the very back row, protected by his rooks.

"I cannot really pay much attention to the entire game because I am against so many people. So I hide the king."

His offensive strategy: "Exploit every little mistake of my opponents."

It seemed to have worked.

"He moved so fast. He was aggressive the whole game. I was trying to protect my queen and he kept getting me in check the whole time," said Paul Van Leeuwen, a third-year electronics student. Leeuwen managed to take only two of Cosh's pawns before getting checkmated.

Tim Reid, a first-year woodwork-



Conestoga College President John Tibbits.

business program to a new building would be used by applied arts programs such as broadcasting and journalism, whose quarters now are cramped. Also, it would free up space so all diploma and certificate programs could be consolidated at the Doon campus.

"It would save the college \$500,000 a year (in leasing costs)," he said.

Tibbits said money also will go towards buying new equipment for various programs at the college. Plans are already drawn up for what is needed.

"We have a list of equipment we need, from computers and software upgrades to tool-and-die-making equipment to health services apparatus," he said.

Some companies may not give money to the college, but would rather donate equipment, he said. For example, a company may donate equipment to set up a computer lab.

ing student, lost his two knights, his queen and several pawns in the first few minutes of his game.

"He gets to make the first move. That's why he always wins. I guess he needs that advantage though, to play everyone."

Reid began his game a few minutes after the official chess match starting time of 11:30 a.m. Reid lasted about 25 minutes against the amateur master, an impressive time considering Cosh defeated some players in under five minutes.

Cosh shook hands with all players before and after each game, and congratulated opponents who made strong or clever moves. Cosh can afford to be gracious—in the five years he has been playing simultaneous chess matches at Conestoga he said he has lost a total of two games.

After defeating Longueay at about 2:30 p.m., the Oct. 3 chess meet was over.

No one had won against Cosh and no one had picked up one of the Labbat's Blue T-shirts that were to be handed anyone who defeated the professor.

Cosh reflected, "I really value the chess game. It helps develop logic, spatial memory and competitiveness."

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Off-campus news feature

AIDS quilt commemorates life

By Lyn McGinnis

A memorial to Canadians who died of AIDS in Canada came to Guelph in 283 pieces.

It was laid out in rows by 120 volunteers over the course of three hours and measured 900 square metres. When it left it had grown larger.

The AIDS memorial quilt, called A Spread of Hope, was on display (free of charge) in the Guelph Armoury from Friday, Oct. 4 until Sunday, Oct. 6.

It was hosted by the AIDS Committee of Guelph and Wellington County (ACGWC) and was seen by 1,500 people.

The armoury had the only floor space in the city large enough to allow all of the panels to be laid out.

Each of the 283 quilt panels, measuring one metre by two metres, were arranged in 31 groups of eight with many additional single panels.

They were colorful and plain, made with paint, stencil, collage and embroidery.

The messages on the quilts, from loved ones, children, relatives and friends, talked of love and loss. Many were covered by mementoes such as items of clothing, a favorite line from a song or a photograph.

A number of the quilt panels commemorated the life of a couple who had died of AIDS.

They came from every part of the country, representing many different ethnic and religious backgrounds. A number had messages written in French.

An additional five panels were added to it from Wellington County.

There was a large plain square of fabric on the floor at the front of the room. It was called the signature square. Visitors could write about their feelings viewing the project.

One person had written, "Some day this will all make sense."

At the four corners of this fabric were tissue boxes. There were 20 volunteers positioned around the room, armed with more tissues and support for visitors who needed them as they slowly walked up and down the rows of quilts.

One volunteer had a history with the quilt. Katie Johnson, 20, now lives in Guelph, but she first volunteered when the quilt was in Edmonton, Alta., where she and her brother lived.

He died of AIDS in August 1990. She has since seen the quilt in London, Ont. and then volunteered for the Guelph display. She said the volunteering has helped her work through her feelings. She said it helps people better understand what AIDS does and how to help.

"It provides a lot of information and creates a lot of solidarity," she said.

At its present size, it represents 8.5 per cent of the 3,200 people who have died of AIDS in Canada.

"For the people making the panels it certainly helps with the grieving process," said Gloria Laird, volunteer fundraising co-ordinator for ACGWC.

"But I think it makes the public realize the proportion of the AIDS situation," she said.

Johneen Pembroke, board member of the Names Project in Halifax, N.S. said in a telephone interview



One row of the Spread of Hope quilt on display in Guelph. New panels to be added to the travelling memorial were displayed on the walls.

(Photo by Lyn McGinnis)

that the meaning of the quilt was summed up for her by a note on a signature square during a showing last December in Halifax.

"A woman had written that viewing the Names Project quilt was like simultaneously looking through your high school year book and walking through a graveyard," she said.

Pembroke said while the quilt is about death, it leaves people with a positive feeling.

"We think of death as being negative, but the Names Project deals with death in such a positive way because each quilt just says love," she said.

Bringing the quilt to Guelph was part of ACGWC's observance of AIDS Awareness Week. They had submitted a request for it a year and a half ago. The signature square will remain in Guelph at the ACGWC offices.

The Names Project Foundation Canada was formed in Halifax in 1988.

It was influenced by the San Francisco Names Project, which began collecting panels for its quilt in 1986. A number of Canadians had been sending panels to the American project before 1988.

The Canadian Names Project quilt has since traveled across the country.

Pembroke said she hopes communities seeing the quilt will become more aware of the AIDS epidemic and involved in local organizations trying to help those suffering with AIDS and providing information to the general public about how to avoid the disease.

"The Names Project does a lot for public awareness," Pembroke said.

"AIDS is a controversial subject. The project doesn't seem to have the same degree of controversy attached to it. It's a fairly safe way for people to learn about AIDS.

"The purpose of the project is to provide a living memorial to people who are gone. So many people who

are HIV positive or have AIDS live their lives anonymously. The Names Project allows a public memorial that can be private as well," Pembroke said.

The quilt will now travel to The Museum for Textiles at 55 Centre Street in Toronto, where it will be on a five-week display from Oct. 26 until Dec. 1.



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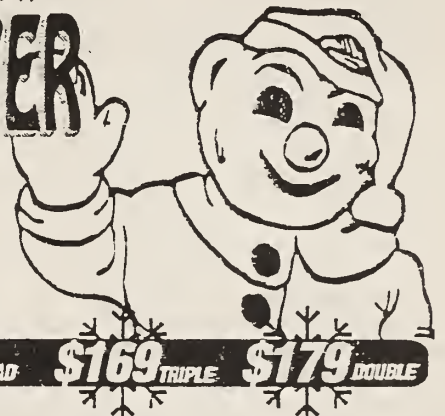
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Off-campus news feature

AIDS awareness

Women are overlooked victims, says singer-activist

By Stewart Shutler

Holly Near, a controversial activist and singer, gave a lecture at the University of Waterloo Oct. 6 on an aspect of the AIDS issue rarely talked about—women.

Near said that according to the Centres for Disease Control in the United States, 10,000 of the 115,000 reported cases of AIDS in February 1990 were women.

She also said AIDS is the largest cause of death of women in New York City.

Near said this is just for the reported cases, but there are many women who have AIDS that does not get diagnosed. She said women, especially poor women, cannot get to the doctor for a checkup as much as men.

"Women can't afford to take a day off work with no pay, and their sick days are used up when they have to stay at home and take care of other members of the family that are sick," Near said.

She said she feels that even when women do get in for a checkup, doctors generally overlook AIDS as a diagnosis because of its reputation as a "man's disease."

Besides the problems women have of getting AIDS, she said they are being treated as instigators.

"Women, especially prostitutes or 'sex workers', are always accused of giving (AIDS) to someone," she said.

She said there is very little compassion for these people, that they're always being blamed, when in fact it's the man's responsibility to protect himself.

Near said that for the group of women who are getting AIDS through drugs, the problem should be tackled socially.

"Time, in capitalism, is money. If more time were put into health care and drug treatment centres, it would be a lot more effective," she said.

As she was ending her talk, she said, "This being a school, I will give you two pieces of homework. First, I want everybody to integrate three minutes of AIDS fighting into your daily life. Second, I want you to give yourself a little time at the end of the day to congratulate and



Holly Near, activist and singer.

(Photo by Stewart Shutler)

honor yourself for the work you've done and the steps you've taken."

Near has been involved in almost every facet of entertainment. She has been in movies such as Slaughterhouse Five, television shows like The Partridge Family and Sesame

Street, and has appeared on Broadway in Hair.

In the early '70s, Near said she "kept writing songs that weren't really the kind the major labels wanted," so she started own small label, Redwood Records.

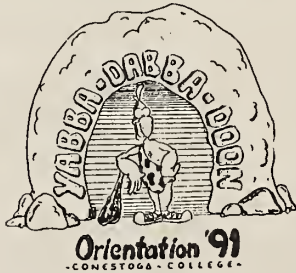


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SPORTS



Heeere's the pitch...

Mark "Sneaker" Slaney of the New Kops on the Block, throws an underhand toss to a batter during intramural slo-pitch play.

(Photo by John L. Tachauer)

Athletes of the week

Ritchie Reynolds

Ritchie Reynolds, of the men's soccer Condors, has been named male athlete of the week. As a defenceman for the Condors, he was solid in the backline.

Reynolds is enrolled in the robotics and automation program at Doon campus.

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Michelle Drury

Michelle Drury, of the women's softball Condors, has been named female athlete of the week. She had three hits and three runs batted in (RBIs) in the Condors' win over Mohawk College.

Drury is a third-year business administration student.

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Varsity softball

The women's softball Condors defeated Mohawk College 14-1 to keep their playoff hopes alive.

The Condors scored seven runs in the second inning and six in the seventh to earn the victory.

Jenny VanderZwaag led defensively with five strike outs, becoming the game's winning pitcher. Offensively, Drury and Marie Newell led with six hits and five runs batted in (RBI's) among them.

Varsity soccer

In men's soccer action, the Condors improved their season record to 5-1 with a tie after defeating St. Clair College 2-0 on Oct. 5.

After a scoreless first half, Gary

Norohna scored two goals, giving the Condors the shut out.

In women's soccer action, the Condors shut out Redeemer College 1-0 with help from a goal by Penny English in the first half on Oct. 3.

The Condors followed with a 1-1 tie against St. Clair College on Saturday, Oct. 5.

In that game, after a scoreless first half, Kelly Bock put the Condors on the board, scoring a goal midway through the second period. St. Clair responded with a tying goal late in the half.

Exhibition hockey

In varsity hockey action, the Conestoga Condors lost to Sir Sanford Fleming College 5-4 on Oct. 2.

Official of the month

John Kaiser

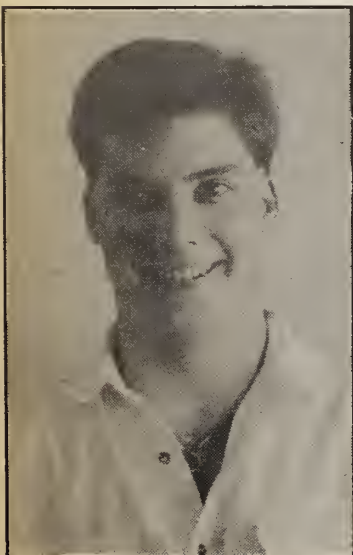
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Kaiser is a first-year law and security student.

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SPORTS

Women's softball Condors crush Mohawk

By Jamle Slater

A five-game losing streak is now a bad memory for the Conestoga women's softball Condors, the three-time defending Ontario College Athletic Association champions.

In its place is another streak. Only this time it's an impressive winning streak keeping the team in contention for another championship.

After losing their first five games, the Condors won a weekend double-header leading them to their last two-game series against Mohawk College.

Going into the series, Mohawk's record was similar to Conestoga's. In order for any of these teams to qualify for the OCAA championships, both of these games would have had to be won by one team.

The first game of the series was held in Hamilton on Thursday, Oct. 3.

The Condors were up first. No runs were scored by either team



Women's softball Condors celebrate another victory.
(Photo by Jamie Slater)

during the first inning.

The second inning was a much different story.

With a player on second and third, Marie Newell belted out a triple to bring them home. Later that same inning, Newell made another triple, while Michelle Drury batted several players in.

At the top of the second inning, it

was Conestoga 7-0.

Mohawk, trying to regain lost ground, was only able to make one run in the second inning.

Neither team made runs during the next two innings. Condor's pitcher Jenny VanDerZwaag had a strike out in the third and fourth innings.

At the top of the fifth, the Condors scored another run to increase their lead 8-1. VanDerZwaag made another strike out in the bottom-half of the inning.

The Condors maintained their lead during the sixth inning as no runs were made by the teams.

In the final inning, the Condors put even more pressure on Mohawk by scoring six more runs to bring their total score to 14.

Mohawk, trying to pull off the impossible, weren't able to score any runs with VanDerZwaag adding another strike out.

In the end, the Condors were victorious 14-1.

In order to qualify for the OCAA championships the Condors will have to win at least one of their last two games against Mohawk and Seneca colleges.



Strike one!

Jen Dellow takes a swing as her teammates watch on during intramural slo-pitch action.

(Photo by Jamie Slater)

Part of a continuing series
on the student athletic council

Fun most important element in sports

By Jamie Slater

Before leaving Conestoga College, Walter Rock wants to make sure that everyone has fun. Rock, the campus public relations convener for the student athletic council, wants to make sure students enjoy their years spent at Conestoga. Joining the council, said Rock, was a step in the right direction.

"I want people to have fun before they finish school," said Rock. "If you don't have fun, the years go by too fast." Rock feels intramurals and varsity sports are an ideal way to have fun and was a major part of the reason why he applied for a position on the committee. "I love sports and I used to be on student council in high school" said Rock. Rock has also been involved with the Doon Student Association board of directors in his first-year of college. He definitely feels all his involvement have prepared him for this job. "Communication is very important," said Rock.

"I can talk to people, show them a little bit about each sport. Anyone can do it. It doesn't matter if they're good or bad, as long as they have fun." Communications is a major part of the job of the public relations convenor, a job that Rock feels very comfortable with.

"I make everyone aware of what sports are going on, when and where they are," said Rock. "And most importantly, to get everyone interested." Although currently enrolled in woodworking, Rock would like to continue his education at Conestoga by enrolling in broadcasting or recreation leadership when he graduates from his current program.

"I'd like to be able to get a good job," said Rock. "I want to prepare myself for the future and broaden my horizons." In between classes, Rock likes to familiarize himself with his job on the council. "I want to get familiar with my job," said Rock.

"I'd like to see a lot of participation from all courses. I'd like to see people have a good time." When it comes to getting people involved, Rock believes setting an example is the most important thing. In his case, he involves himself with sports as much as possible. "I play most sports and I'd like to try out for varsity volleyball if time allows," said Rock. Whether or not he tries out for volleyball or not, Rock will make sure he always has time to dedicate to the council. "I shouldn't have a problem with my workload," said Rock. "I'll manage adequately, but I'll dedicate a lot of time to SAC."

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